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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT: Suggested Outline for Remarks to
Satellite Photography Study Group**

1. This memorandum contains a brief outline of appropriate remarks for the Director's presentation to the members of the Satellite Photography Study Group. The Group will convene at NPIC at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 November. The Director's remarks are scheduled for 9:45 a.m. and we believe a fifteen minute period would be appropriate for the purpose.

2. It is suggested that the Director stress the following five points in his address:

a. Intelligence plays an ever-increasing role in the formulation of national policy. Its contribution today is of the greatest significance to the policy makers of this government. Examples of the significance are seen in the "Cuban Missile" crisis of October 1962, and in the fact that the photographic intelligence capability of the United States forced an abandonment of the Soviet practice of soft missile sites.

b. The United States Government has put an increasingly significant weight on the product of photographic intelligence since 1956. This capability today represents a national asset of great magnitude.

c. Realizing the tremendous weight given to the product of photographic intelligence, DCI convened the Purcell Panel to study the efficacy of the camera systems being used for photographic intelligence. Their findings indicated that a



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greater potential than that yet realized was possible from current systems and that certain innovations not yet undertaken held promise for a higher quality product.

d. Experience in this field has indicated that realization of maximum performance has been inhibited by the traditional practice of intelligence compartmentation. This has precluded the complete and continuing feed-back factor from analysts to collectors. DCI has taken steps to correct this situation so that all possible inputs may be available to insure maximum performance of any system.

e. All these facts have contributed to the convening of this unique gathering, composed of outstanding industrial, academic and governmental talent, for the purpose of considering a national task of the highest priority. DCI expects all of you to rise above corporate or personal interest. Appreciation is expressed to each of you and the institutions you represent for your participation, and for any personal inconvenience that has been caused.

3. Attached for your information is a listing of the participants in the Panel, and a copy of the agenda for the two-day organizational meeting.

Signed: John F. Blake

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2 Attachments

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